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THE KOREAN CRISIS

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CHINA'S CHILDREN FUND
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A Welcome in Seoul to the United Nations Delegation.

Korea will go down in history as the spot on the globe where Democracy took a stand against gangsterism and said flatly, "You have come a long way in Europe and through Manchuria and China but here in the name of God and Freedom, we take our stand!"

This sacrifice of our wealth and blood is not of our wishing. As is often the case, the righteous must pay for the sins of the unrighteous. Only as a last resort does Russia gamble her own troops in warfare. The puppets of Korea, of Communist China and of Indonesia face the wounds and death of a hot war. Deceived and foolish manikins will fight and die for their masters in Moscow.

Why is Russia able to get foreign troops to fight for her while we Americans are sending our *own sons* to the battlefront? The answer is that Russia has been preparing for world conquest since the day, long before World War II, when she threw over real Communism and God Almighty and substituted the Police State and the Comintern Almighty. Propaganda is almost more important than armament in her master plan for world enslavement. From the cradle to the grave, in Russia, the child and adult are constantly subject to propaganda. It is decided in Moscow what the child shall be taught and what the adult will believe. Every theater, every book, every moving picture, every speech, every newspaper and even most songs follow the party line. And in the private home, the party line is spoken. Otherwise, son or daughter might report father and mother and see them arrested and marched off to forced labor camps. Pictures of Stalin are in every home, adorn the front of buildings, huge pictures, three or four stories high. Even in art galleries there must be in every exhibition room Stalin in oil. In the parks are statues of him.

Americans may forget God six days a week but the Russians are never allowed to forget Stalin for a single hour.

The propaganda machine of Russia, so skilfully and constantly at work, is never handicapped by truth. It tells little children the Russians invented electricity and were the first to do this and that and every statement a downright, complete falsehood. Yet, it works. Consider how here in America we believe rumors. What if we had been told mistruths since we went to kindergarten? We would find it hard not to believe them. There are schools of propaganda. Graduates are sent to all the satellite countries and the countries being prepared to become satellites. They are working among the poor and hungry, whispering their promises, stirring up unrest, sabotaging, organizing, eating the country's heart out like termites.

Even in America there are a surprising number of dissatisfied, disgruntled people who once found Nazism attractive and now would vent their spite out through Communism. Then there are the idealists, well meaning some times, but whose ears are attuned to false prophets, and who, if they lived in heaven, would try to get short wave on the radios so they could hear the devil broadcasting. And they would believe him! Just weak minded children, really, but often dangerous. Let us not be deceived. Our American Way of Life is in grave danger!

So far Russia has won nine-tenths of her battles through propaganda, through skilfully told lies. Isn't it time for America to win some of her battles through skilfully taught truths? But let us be sure that they are truths. Let us clean our own house first of injustice and unfairness, of greed and disregard of our neighbor's needs and interests. And in places like Korea, armament is not enough. Even propaganda is not enough. Before the invasion there were too many people hungry in South Korea. There were too many living in the streets, without homes; too many children left to live by their wits, being taught, through privation, mistrust and hatred of every adult.

Korea is the testing ground for democracy. If we win only a military victory in Korea we have still lost. We must win a victory for Our Way of Life. A missionary returning from China, made the statement, "The Communists don't care what we say, or what we say we are, or what we say we are going to do. They are only interested in what they can see us doing."

KOREAN ROADS BLOCKED WITH REFUGEES

Troop movements are hindered by vast hordes of confused refugees. Wailing infants, frenized mothers calling out the names of their children who have become separated in the confusion and are lost from their parents; deserted little heaps of possessions thrown away by exhausted, footsore and hungry refugees; confusion, weariness, and plain misery—not only soldiers suffer in war! And these refugees are just beginning their suffering. Tomorrow will be worse and the day after much worse. The first deaths from exhaustion, thirst and hunger will occur in the ditches that line the roads. When the fighting ceases in an area and the refugees settle down in makeshift camps, it is time for the relief workers to alleviate as much suffering as they can. That is, if there are any relief workers. China's Children Fund has five orphanages in South Korea. Our workers will be confronted with a dozen sick and half-starved children for every child their resources will enable them to help. Expansion of these relief resources can be made quickly, only providing funds are received to make the expansion possible. As many children's lives can be saved as we in favored America provide the funds for.

A REPORT FROM CCF SUPERVISOR REV. V. J. R. MILLS

". . . I had a further talk with the Korean President, Dr. Syngman Rhee and his good lady the day I received your cable and told him of your generosity (China's Children Fund) in the matter. They were both very deeply moved."

LT. COMMISSIONER HERBERT A. LORD, of the Salvation Army in Seoul, Korea, states that "Children have come over the border from Soviet occupied areas and have lost contact with their parents, due to the terrible conditions of travel and refugee life, resulting in sickness and great distress. Thousands of children in the city of Seoul alone sleep in the open and many will die of neglect. The situation is desperately serious."

CHILDREN ARE PROVIDED FOR in five CCF orphanage schools. Here the Korean children receive schooling, vocational training and Christian instruction.

1. The Ethel Underwood Home. This orphanage was started by Ethel Underwood, a Presbyterian missionary. She gave her life for Korea. She was assassinated in her own home March 17, 1949. She was always a great friend of

Korea and especially loved the Korean children. Her request of China's Children Fund for funds to purchase a building was granted. She only lived long enough to see the first girls admitted. The orphanage is now a Memorial, bearing her name.

The First Orphan Admitted to the Ethel Underwood Home.

2. Seoul Children's Home. This is one of the best known orphanages in Korea. Dr. Oh, the superintendent, is known throughout Korea. There is a 150-acre farm in connection with the orphanage and food is not only raised for the children but sold commercially. Recently a knitting factory has been added. These sources of income stretch CCF dollars and permit additional children to be cared for. Schooling and Christian instruction are not neglected in this busy and happy farm home.

3. The Taejon Baby Fold. This is a joint project. The Methodist Church pays one third of the costs of the Home, the Korean Government subsidizes a third and CCF makes up the remaining third. An American nurse is in general charge and the little tots are well cared for.

4. ChongJu Boy's Home. This orphanage was built by China's Children Fund but is supervised by Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Hill, Presbyterian missionaries. The "home" atmosphere is especially noticeable in this orphanage. The Hills are real parents to the children and no parents could be more greatly loved.

5. The Salvation Army conducts two homes, one for girls and one for boys. As in several other

countries of the Orient, China's Children Fund works with the Salvation Army in orphanage school work. The Army is always efficient, devoted and successful in children's work.

A CHILD MAY BE CARED FOR IN ANY OF THESE FIVE ORPHANAGES. The capacity of all of these orphanages should be increased and, if the hundreds of children newly orphaned by the war are to be saved, other relief activities must be quickly established. China's Children Fund has no reserve fund which can be drawn upon to increase its activities in Korea. Every gift received, which is designated for Korea, will be used for the children of Korea. The organization assists children in seventy-one orphanage schools in eight different countries of the Orient. It is a member of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America to which practically all of the Protestant Foreign Mission Boards belong. Although gifts of any amount are gratefully received, the income of the organization is derived mostly from the adoption of specific children by groups and individuals in the United States and Canada. A child may be adopted in China, Burma, the Philippines, Korea, Japan, India, Malaya or Pakistan for ten dollars a month. A child will be assigned in the country chosen by the contributor and the child's name, address, picture and information about the child will be furnished. Correspondence with the child is invited. There is no obligation to continue the child's care beyond the first year, unless the contributor desires to do so.

AN EXPERT ON FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS recently stated that CCF had the best of all ways to combat Communism. To save a child's life, to give it schooling, to train it to be prepared upon graduation to earn a useful living, to nurture it in the Christian faith, to win its trust and share with it a mutual love—all that gives to a child something that he will believe in to his grave.

Guns win wars but only bearing one another's burdens assures peace. The world will never be safe for democracy while little children are left homeless in the streets of Korea's cities. The world can never be really safe for democracy until the mother of the lowest caste boy in India can say, "My son, some day you may be president of your country."

Those who won't share Christ can't keep Him.